

PRESS RELEASE

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SPRINGVILLE MAN TO SPEND NEXT TWENTY YEARS BEHIND BARS FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

RE: UNITED STATES v. DENNIS CECALA

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Dennis Cecala, age 44, of Springville, New York, who pled guilty before the Honorable John T. Elfvin, United States District Judge, to possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) on April 6, 2006, was sentenced to twenty (20) years imprisonment and five (5) years supervised release.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia, who handled the case, stated that Cecala came to the attention of agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in or about 2005 when he sent child pornography to an undercover agent using the Internet. It was later determined that Cecala was convicted in 1999 of Sexual Abuse 1st which involved sexual contact with individual less than 11 years old. In addition, Gioia further stated that by entering the plea of guilty, Cecala admitted that he had engaged in a pattern of activity involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of minors. Cecala also admitted that he traded child pornography with others over the Internet. Moreover, Cecala admitted that among the well over 600 images of child pornography he possessed, many of the images depicted sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence that were readily capable of inflicting pain on the children depicted therein.

The guilty plea was the result of an investigation by the Innocent Images National Initiative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Laurie J. Bennett.